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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE ITALIAN OFFICIALS THAT USG HAS NOW PROVIDED FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE TO ISRAEL OF 100 APC'S, 100 SPARE ENGINES FOR APC'S, AND 15,000 ROUNDS OF 155MM HOWITZER AMMUNITION. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO ITALIANS THAT OUR APPROVAL OF THIS SALE FALLS INTO CATEGORY OF EXCEPTIONS (DESCRIBED PARA 1A, STATE 26031) TO OUR POLICY REGARDING PRODUCTION OF APC'S IN ITALY.

2. IN A CASE SUCH AS THIS WHERE ITALIAN PRODUCTION IS INTENDED FOR THIRD COUNTRY USE, WE DO NOT ATTACH THE SAME CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE TO EXERCISING OUR BEST EFFORTS TOWARD COORDINATING U.S. AND ITALIAN PRODUCTION SCHEDULES AS WE WOULD IN THE CASE OF PRODUCTION INTENDED FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ONLY, AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE 1963 MOU.

CURRENT US PRODUCTION SCHEDULING FOR THE M113A1 IS VERY
TIGHT, AND WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ADJUST SUCH SCHEDULES
IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PRIORITY DELIVERY OF COMPONENTS AND
SUB-ASSEMBLIES WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE ITALIAN
MANUFACTURER SHOULD THE ISRAELI ORDER CALL FOR ACCELERATED
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